

STARKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2025
@ 8:30 A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Starke County Drainage Board met in regular session in the Starke County Government Building meeting room this 2nd day of December, 2025. The following members were present: Greg Troike, Ed Jernas, Merlyn Lucas, Matt Lawrence, Gwen Rentz: Starke County Surveyor, Sara Dingman: Drainage Board Recording Secretary. The following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 2025

Ed Jernas made a motion to approve the October 7, 2025 meeting minutes. Merlyn Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: AYRES DRAIN

Property Owner, Mitch Gaj, came before the board to discuss cleaning the Ayres Drain. Currently, Ayres Drain is full and overgrown with stumps and Mr. Gaj would like to clean it out. Along with cleaning the drain out, he would like to add piping with surface drains and fill in the ditch in order to restore drainage to the lake. Merlyn Lucas noted that the tile would need to be the same size as what going under the road. He also mentioned it is very flat in there and the slope is going to be crucial. After discussion, Merlyn Lucas made a motion to get a plan and work with a surveying company to get a survey completed of that area. The motion also included allowing Mr. Gaj to remove the stumps. Ed Jernas seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: 2026 MEETING DATES

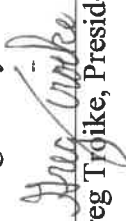
The board was presented the tentative 2026 Starke Regular meeting dates. Meetings will typically still be the 1st Tuesday of the month.

IN RE: 2025 REPORT

Gwen provided the board members with the 2025 ditch report. It showed which ditches are collecting assessments as well as how much was collected in 2025 and what work was done on the ditch.

The next meeting for the Starke Drainage Board will be January 6, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before this board at this time, Ed Jernas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merlyn Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.



Greg Troike, President

ABSENT

Charlie Chesak, Secretary

Merlyn Lucas, Member



Sara Dingman, Drainage Board Recording Secretary



Ed Jernas, Vice President



Matt Lawrence, Member



Gwen Rentz, Starke County Surveyor